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Philadelphia lauded boxer Joe Frazier with new honors on Wednesday, when the city renamed the section of Glenwood Avenue that runs past his former gym Joe Frazier Boulevard. It was a tribute to the man many say inspired the story of "Rocky," but it also inspired attendees anew to discuss finding a way to give the historic Joe Frazier's Gym, currently a furniture store, its rightful place in history. Read more on pages 4-5 and at **metrophilly.us**.

PROTESTS PLANNED IF TRUMP REMOVES MUELLER

1 U.S. progressive groups are gearing up for nationwide protests if President Donald Trump fires the special counsel investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. election, or replaces the Justice Department official overseeing the probe. An ouster of Special Counsel Robert Mueller would signal that Trump was acting as if he was above the law, said MoveOn.org, which is planning 800 demonstrations across the country. Every state will have at least one "Nobody Is Above The Law" rally and at least 320,000 people have pledged to attend so far, according to MoveOn's website. Trump would also trigger protests if he fired Deputy U.S. Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who is responsible for overseeing the Russia probe, or if he pardoned associates targeted in the investigation, such as former Trump campaign director Paul Manafort, MoveOn said. Trump has been critical of the Mueller investigation, calling it a "witch hunt." He threatened to fire Mueller after the FBI raided his personal lawyer's offices on Monday, based partly on a referral by the special counsel. House Speaker Paul Ryan said on Wednesday he had been assured Trump did not intend to fire Mueller.

WH: PRESIDENT DOES NOT HAVE A SYRIA TIMETABLE

2 The White House said on Wednesday that President Donald Trump has not laid out a timetable for action in response to a suspected chemical attack in Syria, despite his note on Twitter that missiles "will be coming" and Russia should "get ready." White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said Trump had a number of options, not just military, that all options were still on the table and he was assessing how to respond. She said Trump held Russia and Syria responsible for the chemical attack and denied that his Twitter comments had created any problem. Trump warned Russia on Wednesday of imminent military action in Syria over a suspected poison gas attack, lambasting Moscow for standing by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The White House pushed back against suggestions that Trump had broadcast his plans for military strikes via Twitter, saying that all options were still on the table and he was assessing how to respond. Trump's tweet was a reaction to a warning from Russia that any U.S. missiles fired at Syria over the deadly assault on the rebel enclave of Douma would be shot down and the launch sites targeted. ***Read more on pages 12-13.***

ALGERIA MILITARY AIRPLANE CRASH

3 Rescuers are seen around the wreckage of an Algerian army plane which crashed near the Boufarik airbase from where the plane had taken off on Wednesday. The Algerian military plane crashed and caught fire, killing 257 people, mostly army personnel and members of their families, officials said.

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MIDTERMS WORRY GOP AS RYAN MOVES TO RETIRE

4 House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan will not seek re-election and will leave his post at the start of 2019, dealing a blow to fellow Republicans and President Donald Trump ahead of fast-approaching congressional elections. By triggering a House leadership struggle when the party should focus on defending its congressional majorities and advancing Trump's agenda, Ryan dismayed some Republicans already concerned about their prospects with voters in November. "It's going to set off an intramural war among Republicans on who is going to be the next speaker. It will take the eye off the ball of keeping a majority in the House," said one Republican veteran who asked not to be identified. Trump's 2018 agenda, including construction of a U.S.-Mexico border wall and an infrastructure proposal, has gained little traction. Ryan's departure will not likely improve the outlook, said John Feehery, a Republican lobbyist who worked as spokesman for former House Speaker Dennis Hastert. Asked how much Trump and his conduct influenced his decision not to seek re-election for his seat representing a district in southeastern Wisconsin, Ryan told reporters: "Not at all."

TEEN VOTE DRIVE TARGETS GUN-FRIENDLY POLITICIANS

5 Gun control advocates are planning to send birthday packages to newly turned 18-year-olds in 10 states where they believe pro-gun lawmakers are vulnerable. Inside each: a voter registration form. The effort is part of a teen voter sign-up campaign aimed at electing a gun control-friendly Congress in November by seizing the momentum of a movement driven by young people shaken by gun violence, organizers told Reuters. "I think young people are going to make a huge difference in this election, and the new energy we're seeing is going to tip the scales in a number of races," said Isabelle James, political director for Giffords, which advocates for more restrictive gun laws. The campaign, "Our Lives, Our Votes," combines the efforts of Giffords and two other groups following last month's massive rallies inspired by the deadly February school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Organizers said they hoped to register at least 50,000 18- and 19-year-olds in 10 battleground states. Although the voter registration campaign is non-partisan, "the sad political reality is that we do need a Democratic majority [in Congress] because we need leadership that's willing to work with us," James said.

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Smokin' Joe Frazier gets street named in his honor

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The Philly boxer and heavyweight champion had a section of Glenwood Avenue renamed after him.

North Philly resident Mike Abdullah, a committeeman for the 37th Ward and vice president of the 12th & Cambria Advisory Board, is devoted to making sure the legacy of Philadelphia's legendary boxer "Smokin'" Joe Frazier gets its due. As part of that effort, he recently joined forces with Frazier's daughter, Weatta Frazier Collins, to work on petitions to rename the section of Glenwood Avenue that runs past Frazier's old gym "Joe Frazier Boulevard," which quickly attracted support from multiple groups.

On Wednesday, their dream came to fruition, but Abdullah wasn't there. He was watching the proceedings from his nearby apartment window, as he is recovering from a recent surgery and couldn't go in person. But seeing the diverse crowd of Philadelphians and elected officials gather to honor the late boxer and heavyweight champion of the world inspired him, he said on Wednesday.

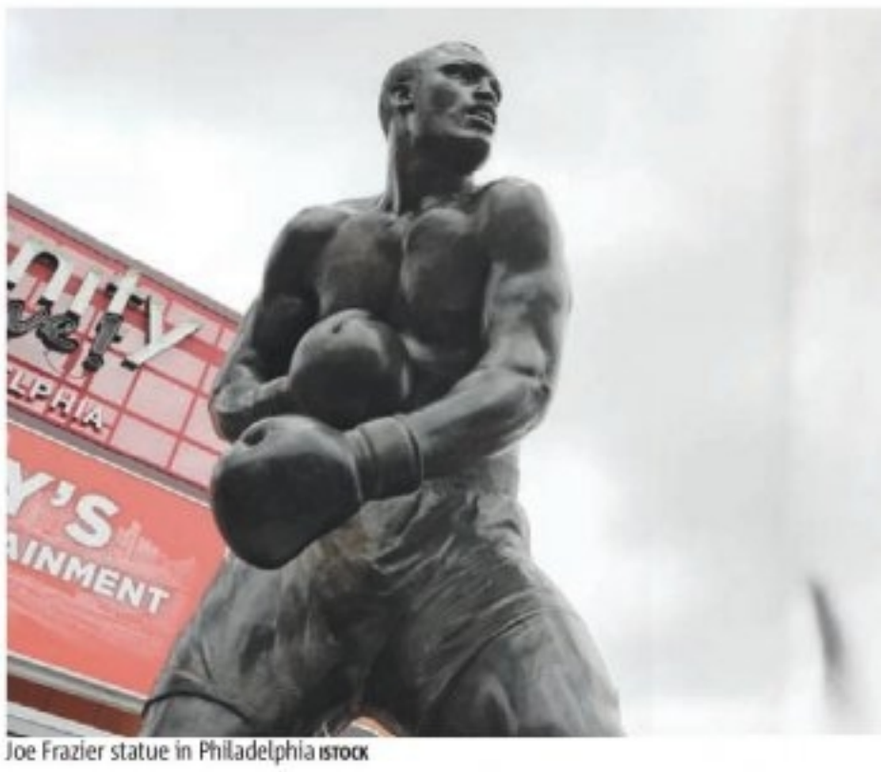
"I saw it and said, 'Go on, Smokin' Joe, you did it today.' All these people came together and they made this happen. That's what America is all about," Abdullah, 63, said after Glenwood from Broad to 12th Street was renamed Joe Frazier Boulevard. "Joe can still bring us all together."

Philadelphia hero and Olympic boxing gold medalist Joe Frazier died in 2011 at age 67 from liver cancer. He won the Olympic heavyweight boxing gold medal for the United States in 1964 and held the title of world heavyweight boxing champ from 1970 to 1973. The city erected a statue of him in 2015 outside XFINITY Live! Philadelphia.

"I like 'Rocky,' but tell people that's based on Joe Frazier's life. You don't do stuff like that and hide a secret of who it's based upon."
Mike Abdullah

Politicians at the unveiling of the new street name, such as state Sen. Sharif Street, took the opportunity to call for restoring Joe Frazier's Gym. The gym at Broad and Glenwood was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2013, but is currently under private ownership and leased to a furniture store.

"It should never have been sold. It is part of African-American history. We can't let something like that die and not be known," Abdullah said. "He got the gold medal,



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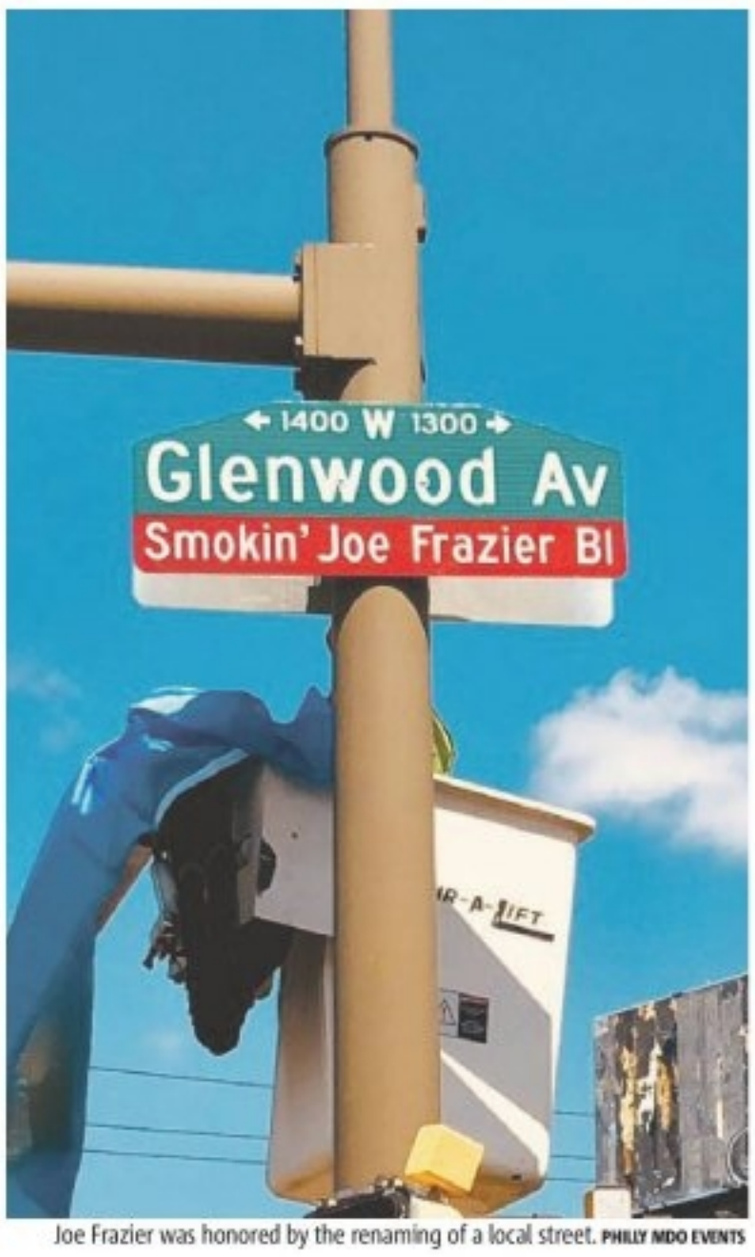

Joe Frazier was honored by the renaming of a local street. PHILLY MDO EVENTS

he honored Philadelphia, and the gym is a historical place that should have all his memorabilia inside it, showing all his different awards, as well as those of all those boxers he trained who were champions."

Abdullah said he hopes that community groups could come together to buy the 75,000-square-foot gym, and possibly convert it into both a museum and community center.

The fact that Philadelphia's most famous boxer remains the fictional Rocky Balboa continues to rankle many. Abdullah noted that some famous scenes in "Rocky," like Rocky running up the museum steps and practicing on sides of beef, were inspired by Frazier's experiences, but his only compensation was a walk-on cameo in the movie.

"I like 'Rocky,' but tell people that's based on Joe Frazier's life. You don't do stuff like that and hide a secret of who it's based upon," Abdullah said. "There goes a man with a third-grade education who succeeded in not only being a world champion, but a gold medal winner for America, and you don't think he deserves to be known as the real Rocky?"

Joe Frazier in Philadelphia, 1977 GETTY IMAGES

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

US judge schedules 2019 trial in opioid litigation

A federal judge pushing for a settlement in lawsuits seeking to hold drug companies responsible for their roles in the U.S. opioid epidemic on Wednesday set an aggressive schedule that would have the first trial take place in March 2019.

District Judge Dan Polster in Cleveland, Ohio, picked three lawsuits by municipalities and counties in the state to be the first cases against drug manufacturers and distributors to face a jury in the sprawling litigation.

The lawsuits accuse the drugmakers of deceptively marketing opioids and allege that drug distributors ignored red flags indicating the painkillers were being diverted for improper uses.

In 2016, 42,000 people died from opioid overdoses, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The defendants include opioid manufacturers Purdue Pharma LP, Johnson & Johnson, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Endo International Plc. and drug distributors AmerisourceBergen Corp., Cardinal Health Inc. and McKesson Corp. They have denied wrongdoing.

Polster, who is overseeing at least 433 lawsuits largely by cities and counties, has been pushing for a global settlement and has invited state attorneys general with state court cases or probes not before him to participate in those talks.

But roadblocks have emerged, and Polster in a ruling on Wednesday said the companies have "asserted forcefully that they cannot reach final settlement without litigating certain matters."

The March 18, 2019 trial date will put the Ohio cases ahead of a May 2019 trial previously scheduled in a lawsuit by Oklahoma's attorney general in state court. The four drugmakers in that case had sought a 2020 date. REUTERS

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While deer can be a charming sight, they can also be a public hazard around Philadelphia. ISTOCK

324 deer were removed from Philly parks over the winter

Parks & Recreation recently held an annual deer-management program to protect local greenery as well as Philly drivers.

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Earlier this month, Philly's Parks and Recreation Department completed its annual deer-management program in parks around the city. Some 324 deer were removed between December and April, resulting in more than 7,000 pounds of venison being donated to local food banks.

The regular winter cull, instituted in 1999 and now in its 20th year, is conducted by the federal Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services with support from Parks & Rec staff to keep the local deer population stable. While deer can be a charming sight to Philly nature-lovers, they can also be a public hazard to motorists and a threat to local vegetation, the city said.

"The reason that the Fairmount Park Commission at the time embarked on this program was to reverse the trend of damage that the deer were doing to the forest, having them eat everything up, so the forest was not naturally regenerating," said Barry Bessler, director of policy and compliance at Parks & Recreation, who has managed the project since its inception. "Even if you don't care if the forest gets regenerated naturally or not, everybody drives a car. We've been able to reduce the number of deer vehicular collision by as much as 75 percent with our work each year. … It used to be on the streets of Philadelphia that over 200 every year would get hit."

Parks and Recreation staff implemented an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew from December to April 6 to allow for the program, which was conducted on 16 nights over 14 weeks by sharpshooters who are wildlife biologists with the USDA. With assistance from Parks and Recreation staff in ensuring no humans are anywhere nearby, the operation is "very safe, very efficient and very professional," Bessler said.

Larger numbers of deer were removed — 400 and 500 in the first two years — when the program was only enacted in Pennypack Park and the Wissahickon. But in recent years, the number of deer culled has been relatively steady, and the program is "in maintenance mode," Bessler said.

After the most recent program, more than 7,000 pounds of venison was donated to local food banks for hungry Philadelphians. Donating all meat yielded from the project is a requirement of the Pennsylvania Game Commission permit approving the program.

DEER REMOVED FROM 2017-2018

The 324 deer removed from Philly parks over the 2017-18 winter breaks down by park as follows:

-63 from West/East Fairmount Park
-82 from Wissahickon Valley
-32 from Cobbs Creek Park
-17 from Tacony Creek Park
-42 from FDR Park
-88 from Pennypack Park

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More than 7,000 pounds of venison were donated to local Philadelphia food banks during the last winter season.

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Greensgrow pig Milkshake recovering from sudden illness

Milkshake, Greensgrow's 7-year-old pet pig, is in recovery after a recent serious illness. COURTESY OF GREENSGROW

Deirdre Sheehy, a farmer at Greensgrow Farms in Kensington, knew something was wrong with Milkshake the pig as soon as she saw him Monday morning.

"Usually he's very lively, comes out to greet me, grunting and yelling every morning," Sheehy said Wednesday. "It was very worrying on Monday morning, the state he was in; he was vomiting, shaking. … It was really scary to see him like that. We all have a strong emotional connection with him because he's such a character, he's such a huge part of our family and our identity."

"It was very worrying on Monday morning, the state he was in; he was vomiting, shaking."

Deirdre Sheehy, farmer at Greensgrow Farms in Kensington

Sheehy brought Milkshake to Mount Laurel Animal Hospital that day for treatment, but the hospital, which typically only treats smaller pets, contacted Sheehy around midnight to say that 250-pound Milkshake would need more specialized veterinary care. So she had to pick up the pig, who had been vomiting for nearly 24 hours, and drive him in the rain to PennVet's New Bolton Center in Kennett Square.

Luckily, Milkshake, who was put on a strict diet of fluids at the center now appears to be stable, Sheehy said.

"I knew it was bad when they said he was not eating, he wouldn't even eat an apple. His favorite thing is apples," she said. "I got a call this morning they said he's eating again. … All we know is that he ingested something that did not make his insides happy. That seems to be it, because it seems to have passed through."

While Milkshake will remain for another day under observation at the Bolton Center, the veterinary bills are stacking up, so Sheehy created a GoFundMe to help cover the expense of caring for a pig known as a beloved friend to children living near Greensgrow in Kensington.

"He's sort of a mascot and one of our animal family, an ambassador to the community," said Bryn Ashburn. "It's not every day that city kids get to visit with farm animals." Milkshake, who's about 7 years old, was adopted and brought to Greensgrow in a cat carrier in 2011.

Besides meeting with visitors near Greensgrow, Milkshake is known for living in the greenhouse and greeting CSA participants picking up farm shares,. He's typically allowed to roam free as long as the food's locked up. In warm weather, staff has been known to make him mud puddles to enjoy.

If he has a speedy recovery, he might be getting back to those activities soon. He was released from medical care Wednesday afternoon and transported home to be kept under close observation.

"The outpouring of support from our community, and vets and people are calling in to express support, has been really great," Sheehy said. "He's got a lot of best friends here."

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Cecelia Johnson, left, is charged with aggravated cruelty to animals for allegedly leaving her pit bull Champ outside to freeze to death in Norristown.
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DA: Norristown woman let dog freeze to death

Champ the pit bull was allegedly left in a doghouse outside during a Code Blue in early January.

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On the night of Jan. 6, as temperatures fell to -2 degrees in Norristown and wind chill brought it down another 20 degrees, a pit bull named Champ froze to death and died just feet away from warmth and shelter. Now his owner of two years, Cecelia Ann Johnson, 64, is charged with aggravated cruelty to animals, a felony, for allegedly leaving him in an uninsulated doghouse overnight and causing his death from hypothermia.

"This dog, Champ, suffered as he froze to death just because his owner did not take him inside on one of the coldest nights of the winter," Montco DA Kevin Steele said in a statement released Wednesday. "She left him outside without food, without water and without adequate shelter. Treating an animal so inhumanely is a serious crime, and we are going to seek justice for Champ's death."

The Norristown Police Department received an anonymous tip of a dead dog in the yard of a home on the 1200 block of Swede Street and arrived just before noon Jan. 6, the morning after a Code Blue had been declared in Montgomery County. Officers discovered Champ's body on the ground wedged between his doghouse and the neighboring fence, frozen solid, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

The findings of a necropsy on Champ released last week showed that his death was caused by "hypothermia due to prolonged exposure to low ambient temperatures" due to neglect. The dog was also found to be underfed and dehydrated, with water unavailable because of "freezing environmental temperatures," the necropsy found.

Johnson had been the subject of four animal-cruelty complaints to Norristown police for wellbeing checks on the dog being left outside. After officers located Johnson, she told them "she occasionally takes the dog inside and owns a crate for him. She said she last fed the dog two days ago and last had the dog inside over two days ago, which coincides with the lack of visible dog tracks in the snow outside," according to the affidavit.

Members of a Facebook group, Justice For Champ, claimed that concerned locals had offered Johnson supplies to care for her dog.

"I helped her with everything she needed. There was no reason for him to die," said Terry Carfagno, a Collegeville resident and an animal-rights activist.

"This dog Champ suffered as he froze to death just because his owner did not take him inside on one of the coldest nights of the winter."
Montco DA Kevin Steele

Carfagno said she met Johnson in early 2017 and started buying her animal food and other supplies after seeing pictures of Champ suffering from exposure in early 2017 on Facebook. One dog-lover even bought Johnson an insulated doghouse, she said, and said they informed the SPCA about the situation. But Champ continued to be kept outside into the winter of 2017-18, when he eventually died.

"That dog loved her," Carfagno said. "That's what breaks my heart more than anything in the entire world. When I was in that house, that dog was like a protector of her. That's what makes me sick to my stomach."

Johnson was released on bail of $10,000 and her preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 19. She could not immediately be reached for comment.

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‘You know what you did,’ witness tells Cosby at sexual assault trial

Bill Cosby’s first trial ended in a mistrial in June when a deadlocked jury failed to reach a verdict. GETTY IMAGES

The judge in Bill Cosby’s sexual assault trial on Wednesday refused a defense request that he declare a mistrial after one of the accusers called as a prosecution witness blurted out, “You know what you did, don’t you, Mr. Cosby?”

Cosby, 80, once a beloved stand-up comedian and television star known for his family-friendly material, is on trial on charges of drugging and sexually assaulting Andrea Constand, a 45-year-old former friend and colleague, in 2004.

Three other accusers testified at a Pennsylvania court on Wednesday that they were drugged and sexually assaulted by Cosby in the 1980s, when Cosby was at the height of his popularity as star of “The Cosby Show.” Two more were expected to testify later in the trial, in addition to Constand.

One of those accusers, aspiring actress and model Chelan Lasha, surprised the courtroom with her outburst directed at Cosby while the jury of seven men and five women listened.

Cosby’s defense team immediately asked for a mistrial, fearing her remark could unduly influence the jury. Montgomery County Judge Steven O’Neill denied the motion but warned a tearful Lasha against repeating such conduct.

Cosby betrayed little emotion, occasionally making brief facial expressions.

Lasha said Cosby drugged and sexually assaulted her in 1986 when she was 17 and just out of high school in Las Vegas.

“I was a child, and a good girl, and he took it all away from me,” Lasha said, weeping through parts of her testimony. “I trusted him.”

In all, some 50 women have accused Cosby of molestation going back decades. All but Constand’s case were too old to be prosecuted, and Cosby’s first trial ended in a mistrial last June due to a deadlocked jury.

Cosby denies the charge of aggravated indecent assault of Constand, saying any sexual contact was consensual. His lawyers have portrayed Constand as a gold-digging con artist.

“I was a child, and a good girl, and he took it all away from me.”
Chelan Lasha

Since the first trial, the #MeToo movement exploded, prompting an increasing number of women to come forward with accusations of harassment or assault from rich and famous men.

Another accuser, Janice Baker-Kinney, said Cosby drugged and raped her in Reno, Nevada, in 1982, when she was 24.

During a game of backgammon, Cosby offered her a pill she believes was a Quaalude, then a second one, Baker-Kinney said.

She next recalled waking up on a couch with her clothes undone and Cosby fondling her. Later she recalled waking up in bed with Cosby, both of them naked.

“There was a sticky wetness between my legs, and it felt like I had had sex the night before,” Baker-Kinney said. REUTERS

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Facebook CEO unscathed by lawmakers' grilling

Mark Zuckerberg made no promises to support new legislation or change how the social network does business.

On Wednesday, Mark Zuckerberg admitted that Facebook does "collect data on people who are not signed up for Facebook for security purposes." GETTY IMAGES

Facebook Inc. Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg fielded 10 hours of questions over two days from nearly 100 lawmakers and emerged largely unscathed.

He parried questions of how much control people have over their data on the world's largest social media network without a major gaffe, while avoiding being cornered into supporting new government regulation.

The hearings that ended on Wednesday revealed no consensus among U.S. lawmakers about what kind of privacy legislation they might want to pursue, if any, and no timeline for action. As he did on Tuesday before a Senate hearing, Zuckerberg refused during a House of Representatives committee hearing to make any promises to support new legislation or change how the social network does business.

"It is inevitable that there will need to be some regulation" of internet firms, Zuckerberg said, avoiding any specifics.

Although Zuckerberg, 33, had never testified at a congressional hearing before, he succeeded in deflecting questions like a Washington veteran. Forty times he told lawmakers he had no answers at hand and would get back to them later.

Democratic Rep. Debbie Dingell expressed frustration with Zuckerberg's frequent promises to get back to lawmakers later in writing. "Some things are striking during this conversation," she said. "As CEO, you didn't know some key facts." REUTERS

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Trump has moved from rage tweeting to rage eating

Trump reportedly watches Fox News segments about a "deep state" conspiracy against his presidency and becomes "unglued." GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump is not taking the FBI raid on his lawyer's office particularly well, spending most of his time brooding, eating and watching TV.

That's according to a report in The New York Times, which said the president had a "meltdown" over the Monday raid at the Rockefeller Center office of Michael Cohen, in which electronic communications were seized. It was not related to the Mueller/Russia investigation, but rather the $130,000 Cohen paid to porn star Stormy Daniels to keep her quiet about a sexual encounter with Trump in 2006.

The Times said the president was on low boil all weekend about the Mueller investigation, and "engaged in few activities outside dinner at the Trump International Hotel." The hotel, which is the subject of an emoluments lawsuit a district judge just allowed to proceed, is apparently not a headache for the president yet. It wasn't reported exactly what he ate there, although his love for well-done steaks with ketchup, 2,400-calorie McDonald's meals and twice the ice cream of everyone else at his table is well documented.

On Mar. 3, Bloomberg News reported the president was on a diet of White House salads after his checkup with White House physician Ronny Jackson, who advised him to lose 10 to 15 pounds. At that point, Trump hadn't been seen eating a burger in two weeks. That is now apparently out the window.

When not at dinner, Trump was reportedly watching Fox News segments about a "deep state" conspiracy against his presidency and becoming "unglued." He angrily said that three officials should be fired: Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray. MICHAEL MARTIN

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Syria repositions its air assets as Trump hints at war

For days, Trump has been sharpening his rhetoric against Syria and its backers, Russia and Iran.

President Donald Trump and his allies ramped up threats of military action against Syria this week, Syria's military has repositioned some air assets to avoid fallout from possible missile strikes, U.S. officials told Reuters on Wednesday.

The officials declined to comment further and it was not clear whether the Syrian actions would affect U.S. military planning for potential action against Syria over a suspected poison gas attack.

But Syria's attempt to shelter aircraft, perhaps by locating them alongside Russian military hardware that Washington might be reluctant to strike, could limit damage that the United States and its allies might be able to inflict on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's military.

"By telegraphing our punch so early, you give the Syrians the opportunity to harden themselves as a target..."

Christine Wormuth

A similar assessment regarding Syria's actions was delivered by the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, which said pro-Syrian government forces were emptying main airports and military air bases.

On Wednesday, President Trump offered the clearest sign yet of his willingness to attack Syria, declaring that missiles "will be coming" and criticizing Moscow for standing by Assad.

Trump's decision to disclose his decision to strike as well as the kind of weaponry to be used in a future military operation was certain to frustrate military planners,

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The United States was actively collecting evidence on how Syria and Russia were responding to U.S. threats, officials said. GETTY IMAGES

who hold such information closely.

The United States was actively collecting evidence on how Syria and Russia were responding to U.S. threats, officials said, adding that Washington believed Syria and its allies were almost certainly also moving personnel and military equipment — beyond just aircraft — into protective locations.

One of the officials noted that Syria and Russia relocated their equipment and personnel a year ago — the first and only other time Trump ordered missile strikes on Syria in response to a chemical weapons attack.

Last year, the U.S. military formally notified Russia over a hotline shortly before 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles struck the Shayrat air base. The U.S. goal was to minimize risk to Russian or Syrian personnel.

59

In 2017, the U.S. military fired 59 cruise missiles at the Shayrat air base in Syria.

But this year, should the United States and allies like Britain, France and others from the Middle East launch strikes on Syria, the government could have more time to prepare itself.

"By telegraphing our punch so early, you give the Syrians the opportunity to harden themselves as a target and you give them the opportunity to have more time to think through what our potential response might be," said Christine Wormuth, a former undersecretary of defense for policy in the Obama administration. REUTERS

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For National Pet Day, a new study reveals US dog-walking habits

Rover's first "Dog People Walking Report" found that 63 percent of pet owners see walks as a reflection of their love — but 57 percent skip walks!

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While most pet owners commemorate every day in countless ways, Wednesday was National Pet Day, an internationally celebrated holiday that both raises awareness for shelter animals still looking for their fur-ever home and celebrates the happiness our four-legged friends bring to our lives.

For instance, did you know that 93 percent of dog owners believe that one of the best ways to de-stress is to take their dog for a walk? While we're not sure if that includes every rainy or snowy day, that's just one of the statistics Rover.com found in its first "Dog People Walking Report," which dived into the dog-walking habits of 1,500 U.S. pet owners.

Rover's research discovered that 63 percent of pet parents see walks as a reflection of how much they love their dog, yet 57 percent actually *skip* walks each week. "As dogs become part of the family, pet parents spend more time and resources tending to their needs and feeling guilty when they don't," said Brandie Gonzales, Rover's pet-lifestyle expert. "Dog owners want ways to balance their busy lives with providing love and care for their dog. Pet parents know walks and exercise are important for their dog's health and happiness. As a result, we've seen growing demand for technologies that enhance pet health, like activity trackers and services like Rover that make it possible to find reliable dog walkers."

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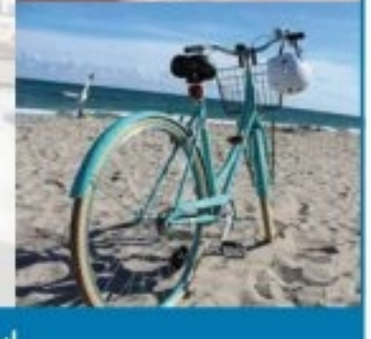

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According to Rover's first "Dog People Walking Report," one in four parents say their dog knows exactly what they mean as soon as they say, "Want to go ..." ISTOCK

Let's take a walk through the findings of Rover's "Dog People Walking Report."

- 94 percent consider their dog a member of the family
- 1 in 5 parents have hired a dog walker after feeling bad about skipping walks
- 70 percent said walks make their dog happier, while 46 percent said they made them more energetic and 41 percent said their dog was calmer
- 70 percent think their dog should be walked at least twice a day, while 38 percent walk their dog once or less per day
- The top reasons for missing walks include cold weather (57 percent), tired/lazy (33 percent), busy day at work (30 percent) and family responsibilities (25 percent)
- Monday is the top day parents skip dog walks
- 42 percent said their dog is sad when they miss a walk
- To make up for missed walks, 52 percent offer extra-long walks, 45 percent give treats, 42 percent cuddle and 14 percent give toys
- 56 percent of pet parents say hello to their dog first when they come home
- 1 in 4 parents say their dog knows exactly what they mean as soon as they say, "Want to go ..."
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Carlton Pearson, played by Chiwetel Ejiofor, is the preacher who doesn't believe in hell. NETFLIX

Religion and drama, and cultural relevance, in 'Come Sunday'

Metro talks with director Carlton Pearson about the new Netflix feature.

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In 2004, Carlton Pearson, the former pastor of one of the largest churches in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was declared a heretic by his peers.

Pearson was labeled as such because of his belief in universal reconciliation, which decrees that ultimately all human souls will be admitted to heaven. This immediately put at risk his church, family and future.

Director Joshua Marston quickly recognized both the potential and the importance in Pearson's story, especially because we live in a time in which almost everyone stubbornly refuses to budge on their opinions and beliefs.

I recently had the chance to talk to Marston about "Come Sunday," the bravery of Pearson and his process for making his story as truthful and evocative as possible.

What attracted you to "Come Sunday"?

It was the interesting and complicated, intellectual questions that it posed about what does it mean for what we believe and how we live our lives if God is not judgmental and there is no such thing as eternal damnation. I was also extremely compelled by Carlton Pearson. Both because he is extremely charismatic as a preacher and because he did something very courageous, which is to examine and question what he believed and why, and then revised those beliefs. Which is especially courageous because it was under the eye of thousands and thousands of people that believed in him. At a time when our country is so divided and opinions are so deeply entrenched I think it is important to tell a story about someone who revised what he believed and thought critically about it.

What else did you find compelling about Pearson?

It is so rare that someone has such an arc, it is something that you only really see in cinema. But Carlton really did have this huge change. One of the first things he said to me about it was, "It was like losing a thousand friends overnight." Because he stopped being a Pentecostal minister that believed in fire and brimstone and was against gay marriage, and is now someone who has presided over several gay marriages. He is on the opposite end of the spectrum, both politically and theologically. It is especially rare because he went under that change so publicly, and had so much to lose and was up against so many people. I have so much respect because he went from a position of judgement to a position of inclusion. And that is such an important story to tell.

How involved was Carlton in the process?

The screenwriter had already spent hundreds of hours speaking to Carlton. I also spent that amount of time with him. Visiting him with Chiwetel for several days, watching him preach, speaking to his family, those who no longer followed him, who still follow him, those who were the influence for Jason Segel's character. It was a lot of research. Carlton was a resource throughout the filming. We would check in to make sure that we got things right, but never checking in to get his approval.

"I have so much respect because he went from a position of judgement to a position of inclusion. And that is such an important story to tell."

Director Joshua Marston

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How faithful is "Come Sunday" to what Pearson went through?

I believe that the film is fundamentally truthful. So does Carlton. The main places where we took artistic license were just in condensing the story. Both in the time frame, because it took place over many, many years, and in the characters. Because there's certain people who we wouldn't be in a place to represent them. So we have a lot of changed names. Or created amalgams of real people. So in that sense it is a piece of film rather than journalism.

How did he react to the news of the film?

I think he was very excited to have his story told. You are talking about someone who is a public figure who, when things went down, had so much written about him, had a radio show and television shows done about him. He was in a position to want to have his story, and what he calls his Gospel's Inclusion, reach as many people as possible. It's not because he is an egomaniac, it is because he believes in a religion that is much more tolerant, inclusive, and accepting of all walks of life.

Has Carlton seen the film?

Oh, yes. He sat down with me at the premiere at the Sundance Film Festival, watched it twice there. And at another film festival, too. I think he is quite happy and quite pleased. He finds the film very moving. When we do Q&A's he is very praising of the movie for capturing him. He finds it funny that a British screenwriter and a Jewish white guy born in L.A. and living in New York somehow tapped into who he is and what the Pentecostal world was about. He is blown away at how true and how real it was.

"Come Sunday" will be released on Netflix on April 13.

'I was a lost soul': Snoop Dogg

The musician lives life in his own way — sometimes excessively — but music brings him balance.

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Snoop Dogg is a restless man! We've heard him do rap, hip-hop, funk and reggae; and now we've got his newest gospel album, "Bible of Love," to enjoy. But what's Snoop's real story?

The musician-slash-producer has been wanting to make his first gospel album, which is now a reality; a record full of collaborations of the likes of Faith Evans, Tye Tribbett, Rance Allen and the Clark Sisters.

Was making a gospel album pleasure or a necessity?
This album is very special. I put together an alignment of the best names in gospel and it resulted in a project that's unique. I want to spread love through the "Bible of Love." It's something different and I could give myself the pleasure of recording 32 songs. It's an unusual offer but not bad or done without a common goal.

If you could squeeze the album, what would emanate from it?
Mmm, good question. I think that if I squeezed it right now, emotions and memories would come out — my mother is an evangelist and my grandmother, who already died, was the driving force behind the project. Also, some tears, because it came at a time full of peace. The first person who heard the album was my mother and I still remember her words: God told me you were going to do this.

From the bad of the past, what has helped you to find that peace?
Now I have a spiritual side, I forgot to be selfish and I care about others.

I've had experiences through foundations and community work that have made me focus on what's important. I don't care about fame in the sense of money, but to use my image to support some social causes.

What word defines Snoop Dogg?
I have a softer side. I'm pure heart. Many criticize this drastic change, from the excesses to being more spiritual. That is why "Bible of Love" is a positive message of life. My task is to become a better man and father to share that peace.

What lessons have you learned from music?
Problems are always there — I'm human, like everyone else ... well maybe a little more handsome. I'm not a superhero, but I'm a man who fell and rose, both on and off-stage. I think the greatest lesson is to know how to cry, and I tell the children that I spend time with that a real man has to cry, because it makes you a better person.

Are you a lost soul?
Before? I was. But now I'm trying to find my way home. The church is supposed to be the most welcoming place in the world, so I'm anxious that people listen to the material to know what it causes in them.

You've made music for 25 years. Do critics or trolls get to you?
I really don't care about criticism because I'm doing this for fun. This is not a project to make money — it's a spiritual project. Those who are always angry, that indicates that their spirit is not right. The Bible says that Jesus was in the streets mixing with what's real.

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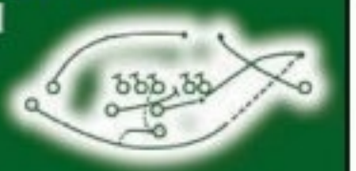

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It used to be the elixir of youth to the rich and famous (think "Real Housewives"), but Botox, which has been with us for 16 sweet years today, is now an accessible (and socially acceptable) option for beauty and medical treatments.

And because it works its magic in myriad ways, it's confusing as hell to understand (do a WebMD or Google search and prepare for ultimate confusion).

So, to honor the Bravo celebrities and migraine-suffering infomercial actors out there, Metro had a chat with Dr. Stafford Broumand of 740 Park Plastic Surgery in New York (plasticsurgeonsnyc.com) to get the skinny on botulinum toxin — and how scary does that sound?

What does Botox actually do?
It's the best thing since sliced bread. Botox has eliminated the need for some surgeries. These include forehead lifts and some eyelid surgeries. I can get rid of wrinkles and reshape the brows, eyes, mouth and neck with the use of Botox.

And it's no longer just a treatment for soap stars?
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4 New restaurants to try in Philly this spring

Did someone say "pisco bar"? JENNIFER LOGUE

After what seems like the longest winter ever, spring is finally in bloom at these new Philadelphia restaurants. From Peruvian fare and pizzerias in Center City to BBQ and fried chicken in South Philly, you could spend a good portion of your free time exploring places you've never tried before. Here are four new restaurants you should hit.

For the fried chicken fan

PROVIDED

Redcrest Fried Chicken

This East Passyunk Avenue fried-chicken spot seats only eight, but as the weather gets warmer, outdoor seating will become available. The menu by chef Adam Volk features buttermilk fried chicken meals, sandwiches, sides and, of course, biscuits.
1525 S. 11th St.
redcrestfriedchicken.com

For the pizza pundit

ANDREW HOLTZ

Porta

With New Jersey locations in Asbury Park and Jersey City, Porta has finally brought its pizza and Italian fare to Philly. It has lunch, brunch and dinner menus, so you have ample time throughout the day to grab a bite. Try the seasonal spring betty pizza ($17), which includes goat cheese, house-made mozzarella, asparagus, garlic, watercress pesto and thyme.
1216 Chestnut St.
pizzaporta.com

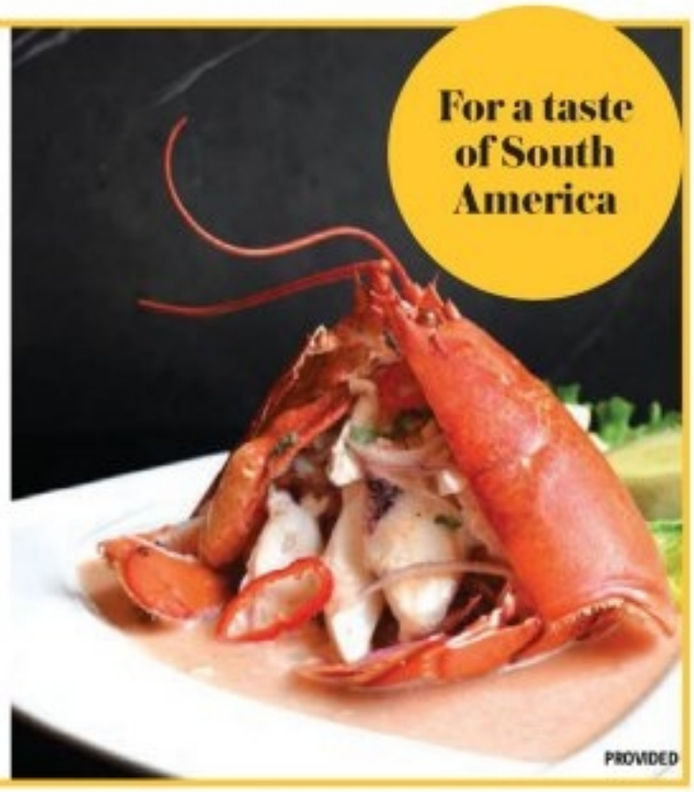
For the BBQ buff

PROVIDED

Mikes BBQ

Enjoy smoked oak-wood brisket, spare ribs and pulled pork at Mikes BBQ in South Philly, the newest venture from Taproom on 19th owner Mike Strauss. Smokin' hot menu items include a brisket cheesesteak, collard greens and gouda mac 'n' cheese.
1703 S. 11th St.
mikesbbq.com

For a taste of South America


PROVIDED

Vista Peru

You don't need to hop on a plane just yet to experience *el sabor* of Peruvian cuisine — you can simply go to Old City. From the owners of El Balconcito and El Balconcito II in Northeast Philadelphia (Peruvian/Portuguese fusion restaurants), Vista Peru focuses on strictly Peruvian seafood fare. There's also a pisco bar.
20 S. 2nd St.
vistaperuphilly.com

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be accepted by the Philadelphia Housing Authority for **Solicitation No. P-004799 – Year Round Youth Basketball Program.** Proposals are **due no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 30, 2018** to PHA Sourcing Department, 3100 Penrose Ferry Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19145. Late proposals will not be considered.

Request for a copy of the solicitation should be directed to william.cook@pha.phila.gov. Interested parties can also visit www.pha.phila.gov and click on Business Opportunity for more details. PHA encourages minority, woman-owned and Section 3 businesses to submit bids and participate in joint ventures.

PHA
PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be accepted by the Philadelphia Housing Authority for **Solicitation No. P-004800 – Resident Council Technical Assistance Services.** Proposals are **due no later than 11:00 a.m. on May 7, 2018** at 3100 Penrose Ferry Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19145. Late proposals will not be considered.

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PHA
PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Lisa Vanderpump is coming to Ardmore this weekend

This is not a drill, darling.

JENNIFER LOGUE
jennifer.logue@metro.us

Lisa Vanderpump does it all — and does it all with style. The 57-year-old TV personality, restaurateur, author, designer and humanitarian will be at Fine Wine & Good Spirits in Ardmore this weekend, signing bottles of her Vanderpump Rosé.

Best known for her roles on shows like "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" and "Vanderpump Rules," she will sign up to two pre-purchased bottles of Vanderpump Rosé for each attendee.

(A 750 mL bottle sells for $20 and a 1.5 mL bottle sells for $37, in case you're wondering.)

If you go:

Saturday, April 14
2 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Fine Wine & Good Spirits Premium Collection Store
Ardmore Plaza Shopping Center
62 Greenfield Ave., Ardmore

Vanderpump's husband Ken Todd, daughter Pandora Vanderpump Sabo, and son-in-law Jason Sabo, will also be at the event.

Only the first 300 attendees are guaranteed to have their bottles signed. You'll also be able to take a photo with Vanderpump as well, so show up with your phone fully charged.

Lisa Vanderpump will be in Ardmore this weekend signing bottles of her Vanderpump Rose. GETTY IMAGES

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FESTIVALS

Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival

With a diverse collection of cherry trees, including many with varying bloom times to ensure trees are in bloom at different points of the season, this festival includes a walking tour of the arboretum, a drumming crew, a kimono dressing demonstration and a demonstration of samurai sword technique. There will also be a mid-afternoon tour of the arboretum's own Japanese garden, set in the backdrop of the otherwise Victorian landscape.
April 14, 10:15 a.m.
Morris Arboretum
100 E. Northwestern Ave.
morrisarboretum.org, $19

FOOD & DRINK

PROVIDED

Spring Refresh at aMuse

Chef Jennifer Salhoff refreshes French bistro aMuse's menu for spring—including a Bouillabaisse dish. The updated menu will be available for a limited time.
April 14, aMuse, 1421 Arch St., amusephiladelphia.com
Pay as you go

Sakura Sunday

The marquee event of the Philadelphia Cherry Blossom Festival, Sakura Sunday celebrates the bloom of Fairmount Park's cherry trees and Japanese culture. The daylong festivities include a sushi-making contest, a Harajuku fashion show, dance performances, a cosplay showcase and a tea ceremony. There will also be a pop-up "Sake Garden," with Asian-fusion foods, beer and cocktails, located outside of Shofuso Japanese House and Garden.
April 15, 10 a.m.
Fairmount Park Horticulture Center
Montgomery Drive and Belmont Avenue
subarucherryblossom.org, $15

MUSIC

Philly Spring Jam

Headlined by R&B group Guy, known for Billboard R&B hits like "I Like" and "Groove Me" in the '80s, this seasonal celebration also features singer-songwriter Teddy Riley and soul-pop singer Tank.
April 13, 7:30 p.m.
Liacouras Center
1776 N. Broad St.
liacourascenter.com, $65

Franz Ferdinand

This Glasgow indie-rock band was formed in 2002 and has been nominated for Grammy Awards, as well as received two Brit Awards on their home turf. They released their fifth album, Always Ascending, in February.
April 13, 8 p.m.
The Fillmore
29 E. Allen St.
franzferdinand.co.uk, $30

Chris Smither

Long-running blues musician Chris Smither, who began performing in the '60s, has issued 16 albums in his storied career, heavily influenced by American folk and poetry. His most recent album, "Still on the Levee," released in 2015 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his debut.
April 14, 8 p.m. ,
World Café Live
3025 Walnut St. ,
smither.com, $32

FOOD & DRINK

Secret Garden Opening

Available on a first-come, first-served basis is this "secret garden" patio dining area, reopening for the warm-weather months. An experience best paired with a giant helping of Nonni's spaghetti and meatballs.
April 13
Little Nonna's
1234 Locust St.
littlenonnas.com, Pay as you go

THEATER

DANIEL KONTZ

Test Flights

Perhaps one of the best deals in Philly theater right now is this work-in-progress show at the Circadium School of Contemporary Circus, which is open to the public, free of charge and features seven performers of all different disciplines. This work-in-progress series includes circus, music, dance and physical theatre.
April 12, 8:15 p.m.
Circadium School of Contemporary Circus
6452 Greene St.
circadium.com/testflights, Free

Notice

456 N. Christopher Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-922-3715

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 456 N. Christopher Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19123, to satisfy a lien, on April 19, 2018 at approx. 11AM at www.storagetreasures.com.

B187 Georgia Gerike, F557 Rashonda Holmes, A058 Joe Candidi, F569 Jennifer Anderson,

CubeSmart

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Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction **April 18, 2018** at **4:00 PM** at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: Extra Space Storage **12005 Roosevelt Blvd Philadelphia, PA 19154 215-514-2704.**

1225 Nikole Alford household items - 917 Crystal Lucas household items
01 ElHadi Ibrahim boxes, furniture - 1241 Amber L. Kee household items
K10 Shauna Marie Burkhardt clothing, misc items
#1519 Stephanie Major - household items

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A132C James Robert Hatty (Household Items), A139C Shanika N. Flippen (Clothes & Plates), B122 Cornelius Sellers Jr. (Tools & Ladders), C107 Shirley Stringfield (Household Items), C125 Selena Williams (Household Goods), C201C Roselaure Richard-Duvet (Household Goods), F121 Gregory Cameron (Apartment Goods), F143 Neffertiti Little (Clothes)

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412 – Michael Schaeffer – (Files, Seasonal, Toys),
497 – Ani Angel Navasartian – (Weights, Bench, Boxes, Bins, House Goods),
288 – Dion Reed – (Household Items)

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4134 Robert Johnson - X Box, cleaning supplies, baby formula, totes, duffle bags and can food;
4147B Robert Johnson - Juice Water, and Paper plates;
5009 Xavier Thompson – fax machine, box spring, headboard, footboard and side tables;
5046 Charles Williams – couch, stereo, tv, bags, boxes and kids toys; 5150B Michael Szeliga - bins;
5182 Rae Lambright – old stereo, boxes, heater, camping gear, totes, wheel chair and bed frames.

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April 14, 11 a.m.
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April 14, 12 p.m.
Weckerly's Ice Cream
9 W. Girard Ave.
weckerlys.com, $9.50

Sunday Supper

For $30, indulge in three smoked meats with two sides, white bread, pickles and barbecue sauce. A complimentary drink is promised, but a Philadelphia Fish House Punch is also on the cocktail menu lineup—Jamaican rum with peach brandy, sugar, cognac and lemon juice.

April 15, 5 p.m.
Rex 1516
1516 South St.
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COMEDY

Dulce Sloan

A regular guest on "The Daily Show with Trevor Noah," having made several appearance on other late-night programs and sitcoms, Sloan's punchy personality is full of off-the-cuff wit. Sloan is, to put it mildly, not a shy nr subdued personality.

April 13, 8 p.m.
Punch Line Philly
33 E. Laurel St.
punchlinephilly.com, $22

LGBT

I'm From Driftwood Brunch

The fifth-annual spring brunch at the John C. Anderson Apartments and community center is a giant brunch buffet in the courtyard, complete with a three-hour open bar of mimosas, Bloody Marys, beer and wine—plus, jazz music from the Justin Sekelewski Trio.

April 14, 1 p.m.
John C. Anderson Apartments
249 S. 13th St.
imfromdriftwood.com, $55

MUSIC

Hardwell

Robbert van de Corput, aka Hardwell, is a 25-year-old Dutch DJ who's often been rated among the top DJs in the world. His catalog includes EDM hits like "Spaceman," "Three Triangles" and "Jumper."

April 13, 10 p.m.
Premier Nightclub
1 Borgata Way, Atlantic City
premierborgata.com
$75

PROVIDED

GayBINGO! Studio 54

The by-now-iconic drag bingo event, held with a different theme each month, adopts a stylish Studio 54 look during Saturday's game. Featuring lip-sync performances and, as always, fabulous prizes.

April 14, 7 p.m.,
The Gershman Y,
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aidsfundphilly.org, $20

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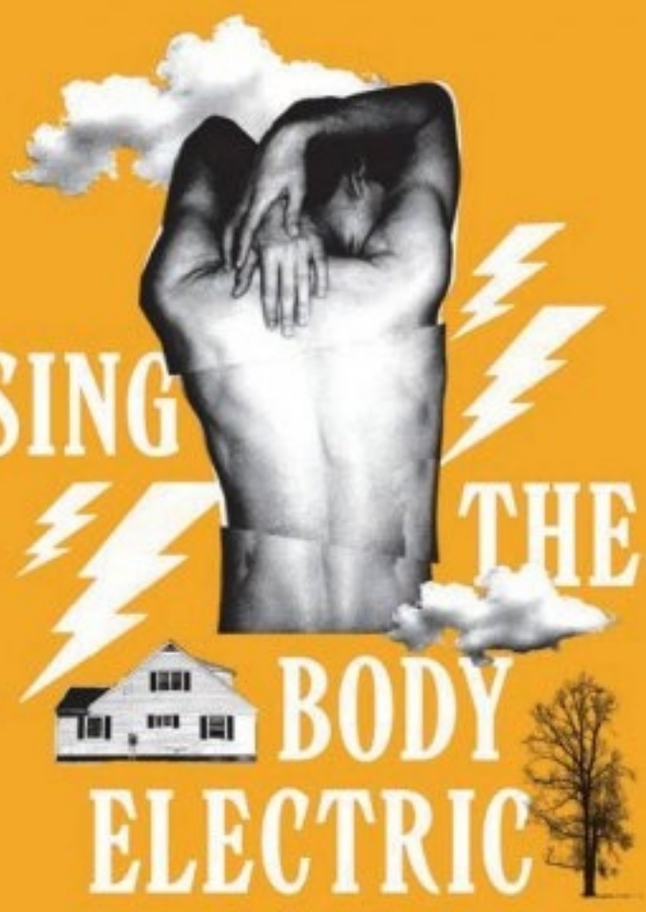

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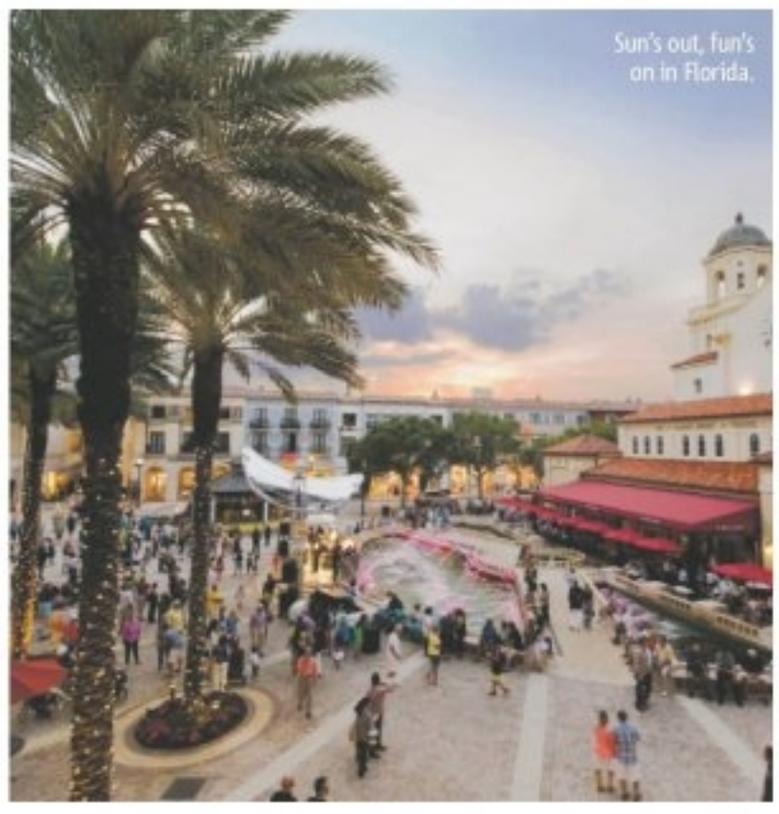

Sick of this 'spring'? Take a Palm Beach break

It's close. It's beautiful. And there's a whole lot going on this season.

RICHARD SILVERSTEIN
letters@metro.us

Our own weather may finally be improving, but will never top what's being enjoyed on the Palm Beaches. Yes, "beaches" — you may have heard of Palm Beach, West Palm Beach and even Palm Beach Gardens, but there's a whole lot more to the 47 miles of pristine surf and vacation brilliance a short flight from here.

Here's an update on what's going to draw you to Florida for a spring break that's absolutely extraordinary. Fly into Palm Beach International Airport and choose your own adventure. It isn't all just Vitamin D and sand — the Sunshine State has a lot more to offer.

Arts and culture

Genii Loci, West Palm Beach

Head to CityPlace to check out a public art installation known as "Road Tattoo." Street parties are one thing, but this event promises an art installation that's billed as the longest continuous road tattoo in the world. You say road tattoo, I say street art, but we can all agree that the food and fun lining Rosemary Avenue from Okeechobee Boulevard to 11th Street will offer something for everyone.

Beer me!

Royal Palm Brewing Company, Royal Palm Beach

The Palm Beaches is home to a super-inviting brewpub, where both hop hounds and ankle biters will be entertained. Grab a popsicle for the little ones and they'll no doubt allow you more time to check out the brewing vats, each named after a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. Tours are available, and a pint of the citrus IPA is a must for a crisp, delicious drop happy hour. Which is pretty much every hour in this part of Florida.

Fancy food

1000 North, Jupiter

Just because you've left your East Coast enclave for some fun in the sun doesn't mean you have to sacrifice your urbanite bites. 1000 North offers the vacay views that will make for Instagram likes and the fine dining that has attracted the likes of Michael Jordan, Serena Williams and Ernie Els, who are all investors in the resto. Make a rezzie here if you're traveling for a special occasion, or saddle up to the bar for a handcrafted cocktail solo. Who knows who you'll knock elbows with!

Getting around

Brightline, from West Palm Beach to Fort Lauderdale

Rental cars may be convenient, but sometimes you want to relinquish designated-driver status to another and cut out expensive parking fees altogether. Thankfully Brightline's launching a rail service down south to link Fort Lauderdale to West Palm Beach and Miami (and eventually even Orlando). Check in with your phone, enjoy free Wi-Fi and lounges, and forget about those long lines at the car rental desk at the airport.

For a whole lot more information, visit ThePalmBeaches.com, where you can find event calendars, resto and hotel recommendations, and desk dreamers (the photos you'll look at when the next unexpected snow slam occurs which will make you finally book that ticket).

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At least the worst is behind them, (one can only assume) as the Flyers regroup for Game 2 on Friday. GETTY IMAGES

Penguins score a touchdown, beat up on Flyers in Game 1

Things couldn't have been any worse as the Flyers opened their first round series against the Penguins Wednesday.

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Worst-case scenario.

Lets see. Flyers-Penguins, Stanley Cup Playoffs — it's a dream come true right? Unless it's not. Flyers fans, and the players too of course, were put through the worst kind of agony Wednesday night as the defending Stanley Cup Champions creamed Philadelphia 7-0.

The Flyers made mistakes up and down the ice, were dreadful on the power play, benched their starting goaltender and failed to get any momentum as they fell behind in the seven-game series 1-0.

Things couldn't really have started any worse for Philly out of the gate, as a bad rebound off of Bryan Elliott gave Pittsburgh's Bryan Rust a window to get his Penguins ahead 1-0 less than three minutes into the game.

But worse it got, as Carl Haglin tipped in Pittsburgh's second goal of the game near the 10-minute mark giving Philly a thoroughly uphill battle with more than 50 minutes left in Game 1. The goal that made it 2-0 came after some sloppy play by the Flyers in their own zone. Unforced errors, it seemed, would threaten to be the away team's undoing. A tripping penalty on Travis Konecny shortly after made the battle more one-sided but the Flyers drew a power play of their own

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to slither out of the tricky spot.

The penalty kill didn't matter. Four minutes later Evgeni Malkin flipped a beautiful wrist shot into the back of the net, as Pittsburgh bested Elliott for the third time in the first frame.

A dagger came midway through the second on another Penguin power play, as Jake Guentzel converted with a man advantage to make it 4-0, and Sidney Crosby got in on the action too seconds later to up things to 5-0.

That was it for Elliott, as Petr Mrazek took over between the pipes as Philadelphia continued to lick its wounds.

Mzrazek wasn't without blemish, as Crosby beat twice to up Pittsburgh's big night to a nice even touchdown and 7-0 advantage (and the impressive hat trick).

Matt Murray boasts another postseason shut out (he had two in the Stanley Cup Finals last year giving him three in a row in the playoffs.) as the Penguins also found themselves dominant in shots — out firing the Flyers 32-23.

Philly will regroup for Game 2 Friday night, another 7 p.m. puck drop in Pittsburgh. If the Flyers can somehow salvage a victory in hostile territory, they'll still claim home ice advantage with three games at home — starting on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Center.

Phillies prospect watch: Top draft picks Moniak, Randolph struggle early

How are the Phillies top minor leaguers playing as the season starts across baseball?

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Baseball season is underway, and just as they have been for several seasons, Phils' fans have their eyes on the farm.

While many of the top ingredients for future succeess — like Scott Kingery, J.P. Crawford, Jorge Alfaro and others have already made the leap to the big leagues — Philadelphia enters the season with one of the best farm systems in baseball.

Here's a look at how some of the more important prospects have fared during the first week and change of the minor league season.

At just 19, Mickey Moniak has a lot of time to grow into a big league outfielder. GETTY IMAGES

Who's hot

Enyel De Los Santos, P, Lehigh Valley
De Los Santos may not be a household name yet, but if he pitches more like he did in his Iron Pig's debut he may become one soon. In five innings he managed the game, striking out seven and pitching around seven hits to allow a sole run to cross home plate. The hurler was traded twice by age 22, acquired this offseason for Freddy Galvis from the Padres. He was originally drafted by the Mariners in 2015.

Zach Eflin, P, Lehigh Valley
Eflin is a name Phillies fans should know. He had 22 starts at the big league level but was relegated to Triple-A this season. He's made the most so far, allowing one run in a win Saturday. He's scheduled to pitch again later this week against Louisville.

Roman Quinn, CF, Lehigh Valley
The speedy Quinn seems perpetually destined to be an "almost" big-leaguer, but has had a good start in Triple-A. He has a pair of stolen bases and a .333 batting average in the very early going and had a big game Tuesday, drawing two walks and knocking two base hits while driving in a run.

Who's not

Mickey Moniak, CF, Clearwater
The former No. 1 overall pick isn't off to a very good start with the bat, as Moniak, now 19-years-old, is hitting just .130 with three hits over his first six games. In 26 at bats he struck out eight times and has only one extra-base hit.

Cornelius Randolph, LF, Reading
Another first-rounder isn't hitting well after making a transition — this time to Double-A — as Randolph is cold to start the season in Reading. With the Fightin's, he's hitting .230 after batting .264 in Single-A ball last season. It will be interesting to see if he picks up the learning curve necessary to succeed in the Double-A level.

Franklyn Kilomé, P, Reading
Arguably the Phillies most interesting pitching prospect, Kilome made his Double-A debut Monday, giving up two homers and three runs in all over four innings. He did, however, strike out eight men and keep the Fightin's in the game, which they would win 6-5.

Dylan Cozens, RF, Lehigh Valley
The one-time minor league home run king hasn't hit one yet in four games to start the year in Triple-A, and has mustered a single hit in 11 at bats in the early going.

Tom Eshelman, P, Lehigh Valley
Once a candidate to pitch this season in Philadelphia, Eshelman had a rough go of it looking to try and replicate his 13-3, 2.40 ERA campaign from a year ago allowing four runs and eight hits in his first start Sunday in Allentown.

New kid on the block

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Kingery is on fast track to become everyday starter, star for Phillies

The Phillies look to have a budding star in infielder Scott Kingery.

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Scott Kingery is off to a fast start.

The rookie, who has drawn comparison to the likes of Phillies great Chase Utley and Boston's Dustin Pedroia, is starting to come into his own on the next level and provide the team with some offensive firepower in the lineup.

On Monday, Kingery notched his first career home run in a 6-5 win over the Cincinnati Reds. On Tuesday, he followed it up by blasting his first career grand slam in a 6-1 win over the Reds.

He is the quickest Phillies rookie since Utley to hit a grand slam that early in his career, playing in just his ninth game. Utley's was his first career hit in just his second game.

"For me, I was looking up in the zone and just hoped for something that I could put a good swing on," Kingery said of the grand slam. "You can learn something from everyone's at bat … I try to watch every at bat I can and pick something up from each at bat."

Kingery is batting .258 with two home runs and six RBI. He's not an everyday starter yet, but he's earning a ton of respect among his coaches and peers.

And it's even more impressive after Kingery bucked MLB trends and signed a six-year, $24 million contract before he had ever even appeared on a 25-man roster. He's risen to the occasion under a pretty large microscope.

"It's unbelievable," manager Gabe Kapler said of Kingery's grand slam. "Biggest moment, big stage, looking for a pitch to drive down in the zone. He's really good at that and got on a slider and there we go. Pretty special."

Kingery started in place of the slumping rookie shortstop J.P. Crawford on Tuesday. He's also started this season at second base in place of Cesar Hernandez, third base in place of Maikel Franco and right field in place of Nick Williams.

"Natural [for a position] comes from having thousands of reps, all of sudden it begins to look natural. He doesn't have as many reps at short or at third or in right or in center as he does at second base. He's going to look the most natural at second. That doesn't mean with more reps at short or the other position, he doesn't start to look more natural there too. Right now, he's just a real good athlete no matter where he goes."

Scott Kingery's grand slam helped Philly get back to .500 this week. GETTY IMAGES

Crawford may be on the largest hot seat at the moment. He's hit just 1-for-23 (.077) in 28 plate appearances this season.

When Kingery is playing as well as he has been, he'll be a tough player to leave out of the lineup for long.

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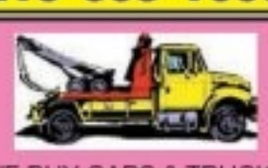

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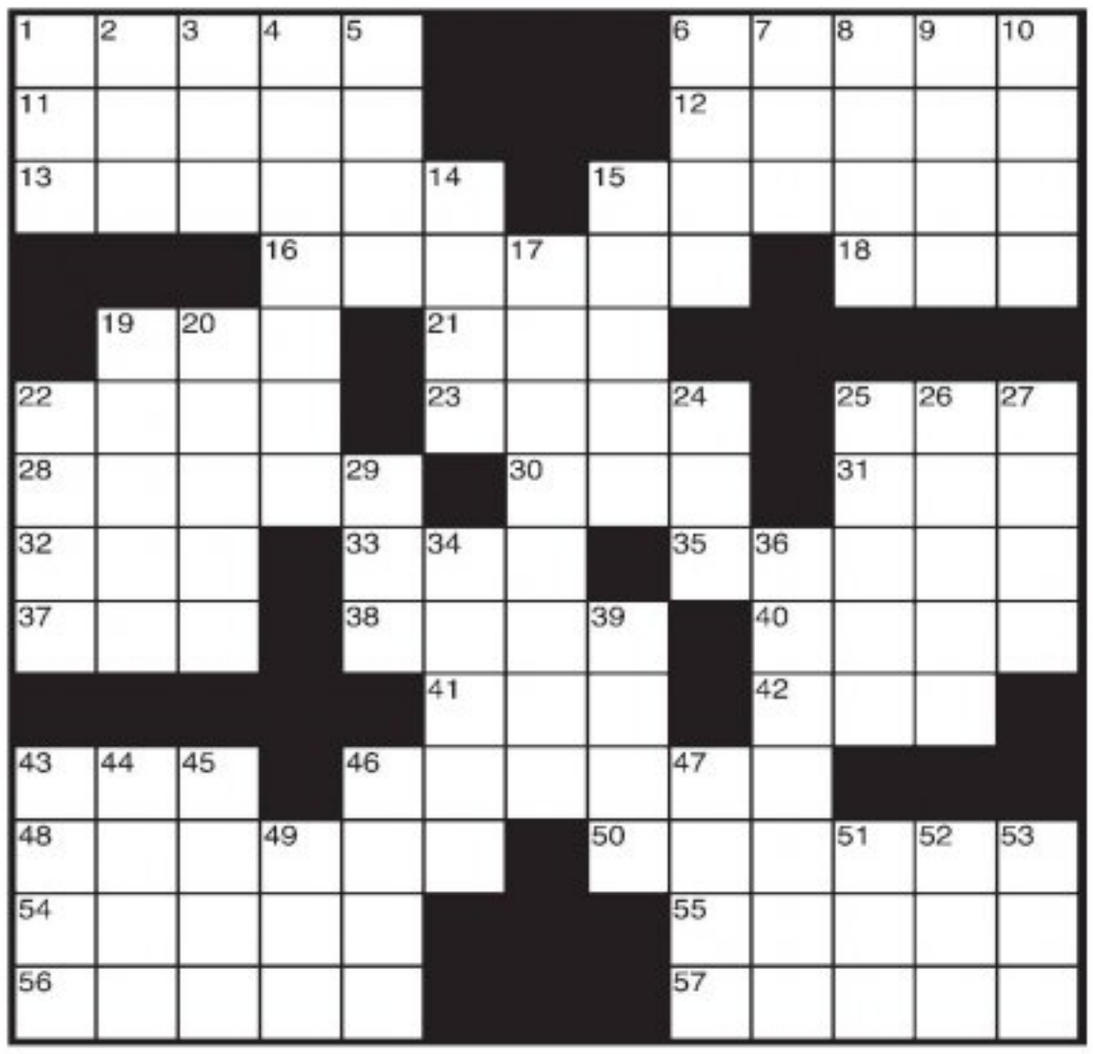

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Taurus Make minor changes to your image and you'll receive compliments. Help and favors will be granted. Love will lead to a closer connection to someone special.

Gemini Emotional deception can be expected to surface when dealing with people from your past. You are best off letting go of people that have created havoc in your life.

Cancer A change will do you good, but first do some research or simply make observations. Socializing will lead to an interesting encounter, and romance is highlighted.

Leo Look over legal and financial documents and make sure you have everything in order. A mistake could end up costing you. Don't be giving out more than you're getting back.

Virgo An unusual event will open up new possibilities. A chance to team up with someone quite different from you will teach you to be accepting and tolerant of others.

Libra Look for ways to improve your surroundings and domestic environment. Get rid of things you no longer use so you can have more space to enjoy with your friends or loved ones.

Scorpio Expand your interests and make changes to how or where you live that will better suit the goals you want to achieve. Be your own master and follow your dream.

Sagittarius Be careful how much you share with your peers, friends or relatives. You will be judged by what you do and should take measures to avoid being gossiped about.

Capricorn Make adjustments at home that are conducive to something you enjoy. Personal improvements will turn out well, as long as you refuse to let anyone meddle in your affairs.

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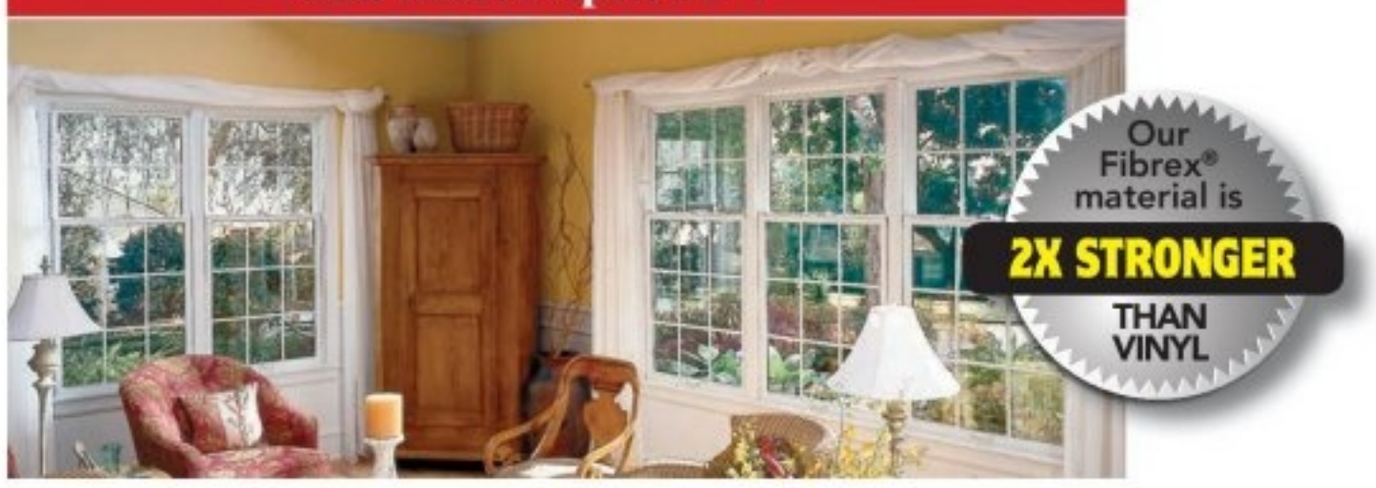

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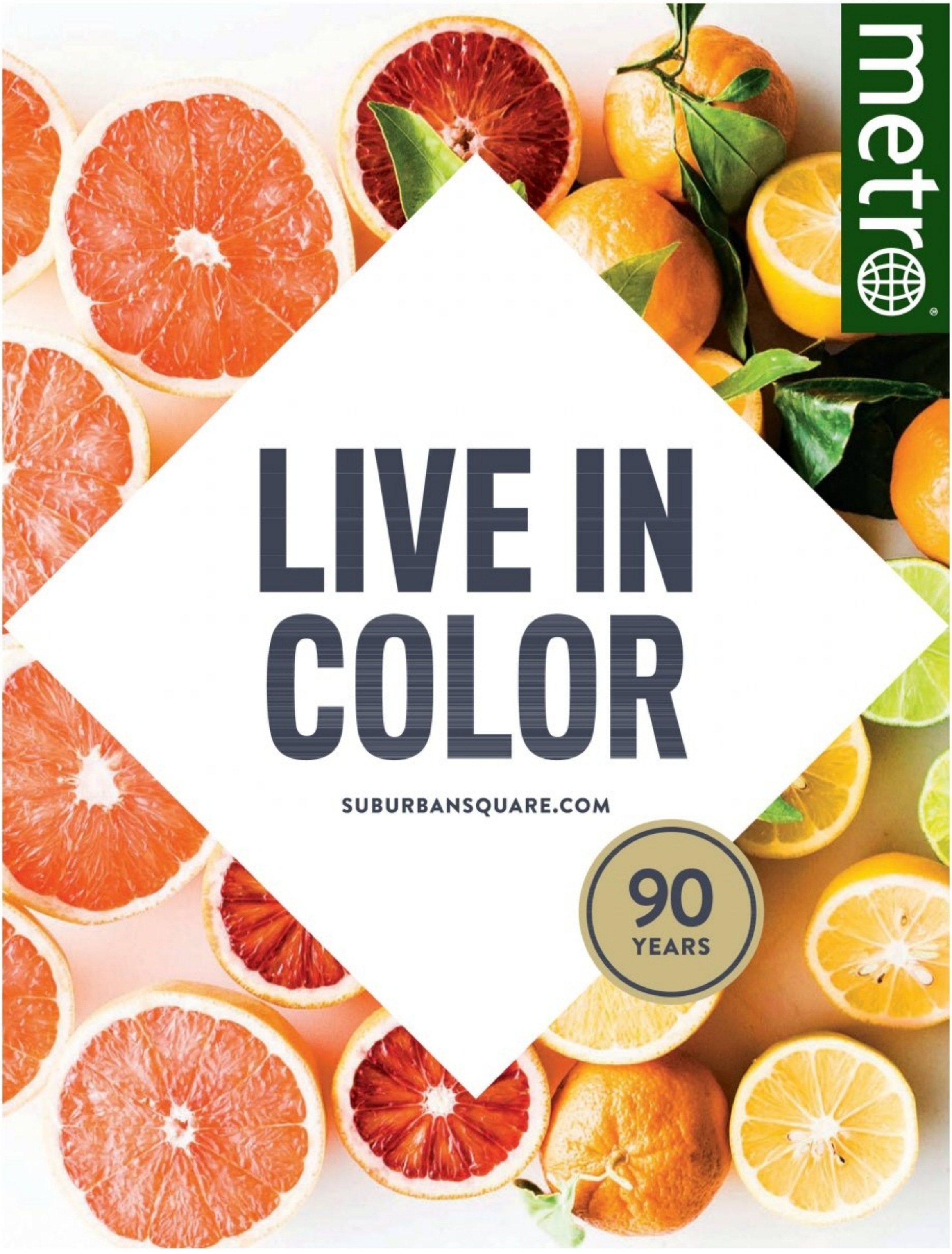
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